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EDITORIAL NEWS

Earning Democracy

All over the world today — in the backward areas — the United Nations, the United States and other good-intentioned forces are attempting to bestow democracy upon primitive and native peoples.

All thinking free citizens in the world hope that this process succeeds, and that these peoples will accept democracy, honor it, and fulfill the responsibilities of good citizens in making it work.

It should be remembered that democracy has been earned in all of the countries where it has lasted a long time, and where it has been firmly established beyond any danger of disintegration or overthrow.

In England, for instance, the people forced a king to grant the Magna Carta, in 1215, at Runnymede, and the freedom of the people was won after a bitter struggle and over the centuries. These freedoms are now institutions in democratic England, and the democratic system is firmly established.

In the United States we started with a rich heritage of freedom as British subjects and, added to this we fought for our idependence and the ideals of self - government we hold precious today.

Some of the areas of the globe where people inexperienced in self-government must learn that democracy must be earned.

Living Costs Up

The cost-of-living index moved up again in July — the thirteenth time in sixteen months that it has risen.

In itself, the rise was relatively insignificant. But it nevertheless is part of a continuing trend that is highly significant. The trend indicates that inflation is still pushing from down underneath.

As a result, the belief among some economists is that the election of a new President may well bring about inflation. Both Presidential nominees seem to believe that defense spending should be increased, and both seem to believe in expanded domestic programs.

Thus, it is hard to see how both of these goals can be attained and further inflation avoided.

Perhaps the best hope of the economy-minded taxpayer, is to work for the election of members of the Congress who will seek to maintain a balanced budget, without encouraging rapid inflation.

Your vote for members of the Congress this November will be of utmost importance. Fortunately, Appomattox County voters should have no difficulty in this field. For the United States Senate will vote to re-elect Sen. A. Willis Robertson, and for the House of Representatives, we will vote to re-elect Congressman W. M. Abbitt. Would that every other State and District had such able candidates.

Changing Season

This is about at hand when the burning leaves smell good, when footballs fill the air, and when the first cool breeze of fall becomes noticeable. It is a 'changing-season' time of year, and one which brings us new vigor.

And yet, with this vigor, we see summer dying and watch beautiful blooms and much foliage, of summer, wither and die. And so the coming of cooler weather, and later fall itself, also produces nostalgia.

The changing season we now feel and see is, to many, the best time of the year. In the South, where the summre is often oppressively hot, fall is considered by many to bring the best weather. Fall is also the time of harvest—the end of the growing season, and reflects the result of the year's work.

It is yet still summer, but fall is around the corner, and we will extend to it a hearty welcome.

Nature does her best to persuade mankind that this is a pleasant earth.

Tough On The Candidates

This is the season (now to November) when everyone is all out for more benefits, higher salaries, higher pensions, more subsidies, more defense, more aid to friendly nations, more for the farmer, more for the worker, more for the elderly, more for the investor, more for schools, and more for roads—more for everything — yet, we all staunchly demand LOWER TAXES! Yes: It is Presidential Election Time!!

Pity the poor candidates! They have it pretty rough. They have to promise more of everything to everybody and then try to convince the voter that it can be done with lower taxes!

It is a merry whirl, snowballing into the excitment of the actual November election.

It would appear to us that the voter could help in this dilemma by realizing that you can't "get more" without "paying for more."

Making money easy is the hard way.

Businesses, unlike weeds, do not just grow; behind every success is energy and brains.

Few people decline an invitation to a good meal, regardless of how busy they may be.

The trouble with most reformers is that they cannot support any proposal except their own.

Poetry won't hurt you, and we suggest that you broaden your reading to include some of it.

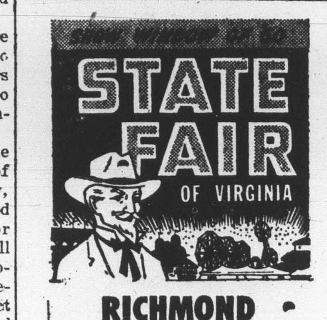
Freedom is the right to do about what you please provided you do not injure others or take more than your share.

Molotov to take part in Vienna atomic meeting.

Brandt is nominated to run against Adenauer.

President signs bill for TV debate by candidates.

Pentagon takes steps to help small business.



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Washington Notes

Diplomats Recalled

The United States has broken off diplomatic relations with the Government of the Dominican Republic.

It was the first time in more than forty years that Washington has severed its formal political ties with any state in the Western hemisphere.

Kennedy - Johnson Backed

Top leaders of the labor federation, with only one dissent, have endorsed the Democratic Presidential ticket. They called on their 13,500,000 members to give "full and unstinting" support to Senators John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson in November.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations said the election of the two would be "in the best interest of the United States and of the Labor movement."

Dispute Ended

Live-virus poliomyelites vaccine has been approved as suitable for use in the United States.

The announcement, ending a long controversy, was made by Dr. Leroy E. Burney, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

AID BANNED

The Senate has voted to cut off foreign-aid funds to any nation supplying arms or economic assistance to Cuba.

The action came on an amendment to the mutual security appropriations bill offered by Senator Styles Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire.

The amendment declared that United States aid would be denied any country that the President determined "directly or indirectly is selling arms, munitions or implements of war, to the Castro regime in Cuba, or directly or indirectly is giving or loaning military or economic aid to that regime."

JOHNSON GOING NORTH

Lyndon B. Johnson has announced that he would campaign in New England this fall.

The Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate said Boston would be one of his early stops.

Senator Johnson says he and Senator John F. Kennedy, the Presidential candidate, plan to stump in all fifty states, although each of them may not make the full circuit.

WORLD FOOD AID

The sale of vitamin preparations containing more than 0.4 miligram of folic acid in a daily dose has been restricted to a prescription-only basis.

The Food and Drug Administration, announcing the order, said existing stocks should be relabeled promptly to show they can be obtained only upon prescription. It added that a reasonable time would be allowed before taking court action to enforce the ruling.

FAMILY BUDGET RISING

The Labor Department has calculated that it costs about $6,000 a year to maintain a city worker's family of four on a modist but adequate living level. An actual survey of twenty cities showed costs ranging from $5,370 in Houston, to $6,567 in Chicago.

The survey by the department's Bureau of Labor and Statistics also treated income of $7,000 to $7,500 as typical for such a family.

The study amounts to an estimate of what the average of what families in this group consider necessary. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said the figures could not be compared directly with general levels of wages or income.

HEEDS PRESIDENT

The Senate Appropriations Committee has recommended that $190,000,000 in additional foreign aid funds be included in a special appropriations measure.

That amount, with $75,000,000 more, was pared out of the regular foreign aid bill recently by a Senate-House Conference committee.

President Eisenhower, however, made a strong plea for restoration of the funds, saying the reductions would jeopardise the security of the country.

AMENDMENT WEIGHED

Voters in thirteen states will be deciding simultaneously in November on whether to adopt almost identical state constitutional amendments.

The aim of the amendment — and the reason why the movement is so widespread — is to grant emergency authority for filling state and local offices and otherwise insuring the continuity of governmental operations. In the background lies the threat of a national emergency, such as a nuclear attack that might kill or disable large numbers of officials.

Security Council backs Cyprus admission to U. N.

Paris is hopeful of an accord on Mali.

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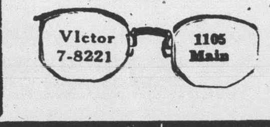

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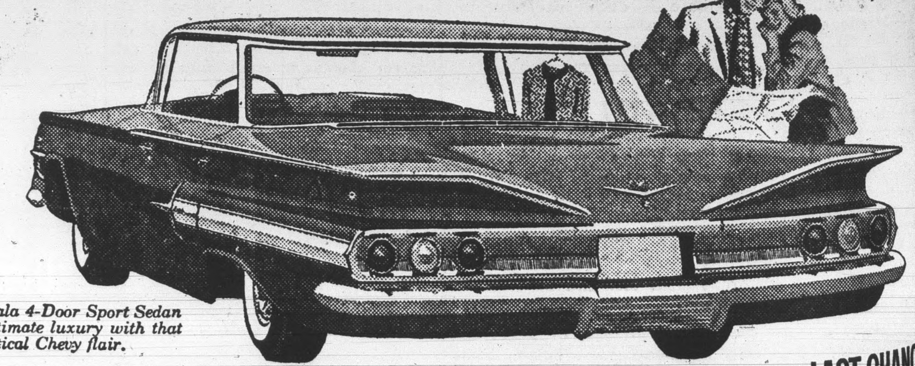
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County Line

County Line, Aug. 30.- We are glad to hear that our pastor's wife, Mrs. Winfred Elder, has returned home from the hospital, and is getting on nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jordan were called to Richmond, due to the serious illness of Mrs. Franklin Jordan. They went to see her Sunday.

Miss Ruth Woodson was visiting her brother, Russell, over the weekend.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones Wednesday night, a girl. Recent visitors of Mrs. Jones were Mrs. Everette Ferguson, Mrs. Richard Mash, Mrs. Howard Beasley, Mrs. Buck Moore, and Mrs. Vernie Jones.

Miss Margaret Moore visited last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moore. Billy Moore was carried to the doctor Monday, suffering with a skin infection.

Mr. Russell Mayberry visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin ... Wednesday. Peggy Goggin accompanied her home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Mann spent Sunday afternoon with Thurman ... and family.

Mrs. Everette Ferguson and Mrs. Vernie Jones visited Mrs. Dan Irby Thursday P. M.

Mrs. Vernie Jones visited Mrs. Tilden Paulette Saturday P. M.

Vera

Vera, Aug. 30.- (Received too late for last issue).- "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." -James 1-12.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Moses and Mrs. Mary Weaver, of Baltimore visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Saturday.

Mr. T. C. Harvey and family, and Mrs. Don Moses and family had a picnic dinner at the Lake on Sunday.

Farmers are busy cutting tobacco.

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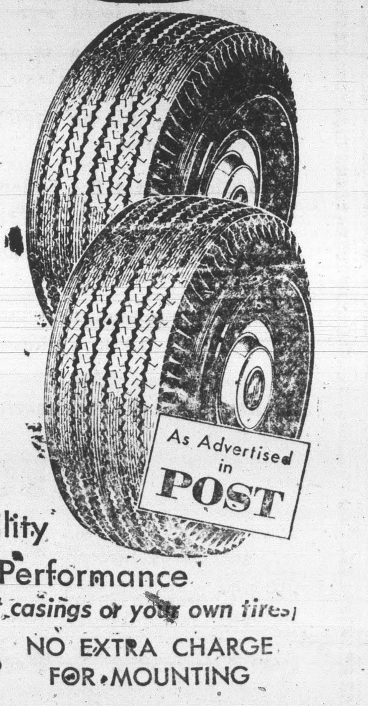

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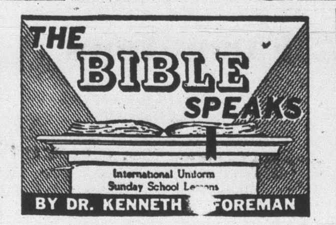

Bible Material: Isaiah 2:1-4; 9:2-7; 11:1-9.
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 2:1-4.

Why No Peace?

Lesson for September 11, 1960

ASK ANY ten or one hundred people the same question: If you could have, tomorrow, an ideal world, a world made to your order, what kind of world would it be? You might get ten or a hundred different answers, but it is safe to say that one feature would be found in all of these ideal worlds: it would be a world at peace. Nobody—nobody in America, nobody anywhere in the world — wants to live in a warring world. Everybody is in favor of peace.

Dr. Foreman

Why We All Want Peace

Turn to the Bible and you find the same thing. Every prophet who looks down the long vista of time to God's Golden Age, see a world at peace. Some of the best-known passages from the Bible are those from Isaiah selected for this week. So if human beings want peace, at least to this extent they are on God's side.

Why we hope for peace is plain enough. Reasons may vary from low (bad) to high (good). The prophets' reasons are certainly high ones. The reason why war is bad is what it does to people. Nowadays, of course, war means total destruction; but even when that is not true, war means the slow or swift degeneration of human beings. "All's fair in love and war" is not true but most people think it is, and the longer war goes on, the more people believe it. Lying, cruelty, theft, murder, adultery become commonplace. The enemy looks to us less than human (and so do we to the enemy), so that we make excuses for our beastly treatment of him by calling him a beast.

Why We Don't Get Peace

Now, why is it that something we all want, and that God wants, we don't get? The history of western Europe, and of the United States, is one long series of wars. We scarcely get over one before the next one comes off the assembly line. If it isn't a hot war it's a cold one—and the "cold war" is no 20th-century invention. Only the name is new.

Of course one reason we don't get peace is that we want it for wrong reasons. One of the commonest of wrong reasons is that we want peace in order to establish our own nation (whatever nation that is) as "top dog." There have been such periods of peace in the world, when Egypt, or Macedonia, or Rome, or the British Empire, just sat on the rest of the world and maintained peace by threat of force, maintaining its own position at the top of the heap. The trouble with that kind of peace is that nobody likes it except the people on top of the pile. Sooner or later the people who have been sat on decide they've had enough—and the fight starts all over again.

The Things That Make For Peace

There are other bad motives for desiring a world at peace, but you can think of them without too much trouble. Let us look at another point. We do not hear of Jesus weeping often; but one of the rare occasions when he did cry was when he looked on his own capital city and wept over it. He saw in his minds eye "the days . . . when your enemies will . . . surround you . . . and dash you to the ground" (Lk. 19:41-44). And why? "The things that make for peace are hid from your eyes." Peace does not glide down from heaven on a moonbeam. Peace has to be made and kept.

Prince of Peace

Nations neglecting these things are going down the road to war. But the most important thing remains to be said: The nation that neglects Christ is shutting itself off from peace, while the nation that is Christian is a strong force for peace. This is not just a matter of theology. It is not saying that if you believe articles one, two, etcetera, you will never have a war. It is saying that the nation with an increasing number of citizens whose lives are truly Christlike, who honor him and follow him, is a nation which is more and more able to lead other nations in the way of peace.

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HOMEMAKER'S ITEMS

Gourds — fancied by many for decoration — can be useful too, says Miss Catherine Peery, rural arts specialist at VPI.

Gourds are familiar as table decorations. They display well in a basket or wooden bowl. They can be combined with other fruit and fall flowers. Miss Peery suggests using the large bottle-neck types for dried flower arrangements. Saw the neck off and make a bowl-type container. Use gravel or sand in the bottom to keep it from toppling over. Never use water directly in the gourd as it will mold and decay. A container of water can be set in the gourd for fresh flowers.

The dipper type gourd can be used for wren houses. Or a section can be cut out of the side and a small planted vine set in the gourd.

Or use gourds for dippers or sewing baskets. They keep for years if properly cured. Small gourds can be sprayed and used in Christmas decorations.

Gourds mature about this time or a little later in the fall. Don't pull them too soon. Usually it is safe to leave them on the vine until just about frost time. A mature gourd will often change color. And the stem of a mature gourd will shrivel and turn brown. The large bottle type gourd turns a whitish color.

When they are mature, cut gourds from the vine, leaving an inch or two of stem. This tip of the stem can serve as a handle or for decoration. As soon as the gourd is removed from the vine, wash it with a household disinfectant and dry. Hang in a dark, dry, warm place for 4 to 6 weeks.

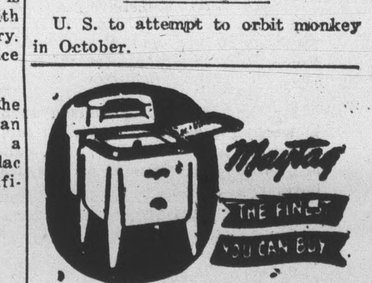
After the gourds are dry and the outer shell appears hard, they can be sandpapered and waxed with a paste wax. Some people shellac them, but this gives them an artificial appearance.

VIRGINIA CATTLE TOP IN OHIO

Cattle from Virginia again this year brought top honors at the recent Ohio State Fair.

K. C. Williamson, beef cattle marketing specialist at VPI, says the grand champion carload at the fair was bought in a Virginia feeder calf sale last fall by Raymond C. Wecht, of Dalton, Ohio. The Reserve grand champion load, consigned by John Theirgartner, of Milford Center, Ohio, was also out of Virginia. This is the third year that Wecht has shown the champion carload of Virginia born cattle.

U. S. to attempt to orbit monkey in October.



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